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WHITNEY'S RACE HORSES.
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(Associated Press)
New York, March 4.—Harr. Paine Whitney will continue practically intact the racing stable of his father, according to the Tribune. The thoroughbreds probably will, until the usual period of mourning has passed, be entered in the name of Frank B. Hinckley. This, it is understood, was the desire expressed by Mr. Whitney during his last illness. Direct announcement of the plans has not been made because the stable, being an asset of the estate, could only be retained as an asset, by the consent of all the heirs. The latter will meet shortly. Should any heir object to the retention of any part of the stable, this must be settled. In this case Harry P. Whitney, it is stated, will bid in the animals.

UNION OF CHURCHES.

Proposal to Unite Presbyterians, Methodists and Congregationalists in Canada Is Favoured.

(Associated Press)

Toronto, March 4.—"Should Presbyterians, Methodists and Congregationalists of Canada unite to form one church?" was the question discussed at an informal conference of representative ministers and laymen of these churches held here yesterday. The answer to the question, according to a resolution of the conference, was in the affirmative, and the question of organic union of these three denominations will in consequence be read in a formal way and with practical ends in view.

WILL SETTLE IN ALBERTA.
More Than Four Hundred Families Are
Coming From Utah.

(Associated Press)

Winnipeg, March 4.—Another great trek of Mormons from Utah to Southern Alberta is about to take place. Between four and five hundred families, exceeding 2,000 persons, will invade Alberta with their live stock, farm implements and household effects. The district in which they will locate is known as Tabor, about twenty miles square on the Crow's Nest Pass railway. Preparations are now under way to receive the newcomers, who are due to arrive about the middle of April. The Tabor district is said to be well favored with respect to moisture and climatic conditions generally.

SANITARIUM NEAR CALGARY.

Dr. Wills to Erect Institution For Treatment of Tuberculosis.

(Associated Press)

Winnipeg, March 4.—Plans have been prepared and a ten-acre site secured a mile from the centre of Calgary, for a sanitarium for the treatment of tuberculosis. Dr. Wills is establishing the institution. The building will cost \$10,000.

MRS. DAVIDSON DEAD.

Winnipeg, March 4.—The death occurred yesterday of Mrs. Davidson, wife of W. M. Davidson, proprietor of the Albertan newspaper, Calgary, after six weeks' illness. She was a daughter of the late Rev. Dr. James Robertson, of the Presbyterian mission, and was a graduate of Toronto University in 1894.

RUSSIAN SQUADRON MAY SOON ATTACK JAPANESE

A Decisive Move Expected to Follow Arrival of Markoff—Torpedo Boats to Take Prominent Part—Landing of Troops at Chinnampho Will Expedite Advance.

(Associated Press)
Paris, March 4.—Information received here from official sources in Korea confirm previous reports to the effect that Chinnampho is free from ice, that the Japanese have ceased debarking troops at Chemulpo and that they have taken advantage of the opening of Chinnampho to land troops there, thus expediting the forward movement.

Official advices from St. Petersburg confirm the reports that a decisive move is anticipated on the part of the Port Arthur squadron now that Admiral Markoff has arrived here that torpedo boats especially will be brought into play, and that in spite of reports to the contrary, Russia is understood to have an ample supply of torpedoes for these

to build a torpedo boat to be named Post Telegraphs.

A resident of St. Petersburg, who has arrived here from Port Arthur, has left the day before the Japanese attack, tells an interesting story which seems to indicate that the Japanese planned to cork the harbor before firing a shot.

He says that on the day of his departure a big merchantman, flying the Japanese flag, approached the entrance and in the narrowest part of the channel suddenly stopped, signalled "I am sinking" and commenced to sink. Luckily a tug with steam up was close by, and towed the Japanese vessel into a shallow part of the outer harbor. The merchantman was saved with crew. The captain declared he had been caught in a storm and the pumps, which had kept the steamer afloat, broke down just as the

Japanese had already landed at Yin Kow, and that another wave would be taken.

On February 7th the Japanese began leaving Port Arthur. Upon orders from the viceroy those remaining on February 9th were detained, about 100 of them being rounded up at the hotel. M. Arkoun had been informed that China would begin celebrating the New Year by setting off fireworks and shooting guns, so when firing was heard for the first time it was supposed to be the Chinese celebration. The warships had cleared their decks, but even this did not occasion alarm. It was not until the 9th that the ordinary course of events was interrupted. That day firing caused a panic among the people. All business was suspended. It was rumored near the town that an explosion had occurred on board one of the

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Paris, March 4.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo De Paris says



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that when Gen. Kourapatkin starts for the Far East on March 12th, he will go in a special train, and be accompanied by part of his staff. It is reported, the correspondent continues, that the Czar said to him: "You will return a field marshal." There has not been a field marshal in Russia since Count Gurko.

LETTER FROM CZAR.

Russian Ambassador Brought Reply to the King from St. Petersburg.

London, March 4.—The Russian ambassador, Count Beckendorff, who returned to London from St. Petersburg on Wednesday, to-day visited King Edward and presented His Majesty with an autograph letter from the Czar. This was in answer to a letter sent by King Edward in which, in the most friendly terms, he emphasized Great Britain's complete neutrality during the war in the Far East, and he trusted that the Czar would pay no attention to the press reports intimating Great Britain was not neutral nor to any unfriendly comments of the English papers, which the King regretted.

PAPERS WARNED.

Must Not Publish Bitter Anti-British Articles.

TO MEET AT BALTIMORE.

Christian Endeavor Convention Will Be Held in That City Next Year as Arranged.

(Associated Press)
Baltimore, Md., March 4.—The committee of arrangements for the International Christian Endeavor convention, to be held in this city next year, has decided that the recent fire does not warrant a change of the convention from Baltimore to some other city. Arrangements are being made to entertain 50,000 delegates from all over the world.

REBELS ROUTED.

Defeated by Uruguayan Troops They Fled, Leaving Dead and Wounded on Field.

(Associated Press)
Montevideo, Uruguay, March 4.—Gen. Muniz, commander of the Uruguayan forces, has routed the troops of the revolutionary leader at Punta De Quaychico. The rebels fled, abandoning a number of killed and wounded.

FOUND SHOT.

Youth Killed By Accidental Discharged of Gun While Out Hunting.

(Associated Press)
Morristown, Que., March 4.—James Styles, 18 years old, was found dead in the woods with a charge of buckshot in his breast. He was out fox hunting, and it is supposed the gun accidentally discharged.

SINGULAR MISHAP.

(Associated Press)
St. Catharines, March 4.—E. J. Lovelace, of the Journal, while trying to shoot rats in his barn yesterday, slipped and fell, bullet from the revolver lodging in his arm. The doctors so far are unable to locate the bullet. Mr. Lovelace is the Liberal candidate for Lincoln county.

EARTHQUAKE IN PERU.

(Associated Press)
Lima, Peru, March 4.—A tremendous earthquake, which did much damage, occurred near 5.20 this morning. Nothing comparable with it has been experienced during the last thirty years.



THE EYES OF THE JAPANESE ARMY—CAVALRY SCOUTING.

TRANSPORTS SIGHTED.
Escorted by Cruisers They Are Proceeding Towards Gulf of Liao Tung.

New York, March 4.—Six Japanese cruisers, escorting ten transports, have been sighted steaming in the direction of the Gulf of Liao Tung, according to a cable to the Herald, from Chefoo. This movement is connected with the reported intention to effect a landing north of Saddle Bay. Owing to the heavy weather, it is difficult to proceed. A big battle is expected.

CALLING OUT RESERVES.

Preparations to Mobilize the Whole of Russian Army if Necessary.

THE FIRST ATTACK.

Panic Among the Inhabitants at Port Arthur—Cabinet Drafted Into Service.

Moscow, March 4.—M. Arkoun, an actor, who has returned here from Port Arthur, was an eye-witness of events there, prior to his departure. His Japanese landlady on February 3rd de-

clared that Port Arthur was reached.

The wife of a Russian naval officer attached to the armored cruiser Rossia, who has just arrived here from Vladivostock, described the scene there at the outbreak of hostilities. At 8 o'clock in the morning of February 9th a shot was fired by the flagship and signals were hoisted calling all seamen and others who were on shore leave to come on board.

There was great excitement and enthusiasm amongst the people in the streets. The warship harbor were surrounded with ice, and crowds gathered about them watching the ships receive their war colors and cheered as the ice-breaker opened a channel. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon headed by the Rossia and accompanied by the hulls of the people gathered on the ice the fleet steamed out.

RELATIONS IMPROVED.

Suspicious Entertained by Russia Regarding Britain's Attitude Cleared Away.

Paris, March 4.—To the gratification of France better relations between Russia and Great Britain are promised as the result of the visit of the Russian ambassador in London to St. Petersburg. Official advices from St. Petersburg show that the ambassador's representations cleared away many suspicions entertained by the Russian authorities. Russia does not desire unfriendly rela-

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MORE JAPS FOR NORTHERN KOREA

FIFTEEN THOUSAND TROOPS ON WAY TO PING YANG

Cold Weather Prevents Any Attempts to Occupy Territory in Vicinity of Dalny.

London, March 4.—The general idea among correspondents in the Far East appears to be that no important land battle is expected before the end of March.

A dispatch to the Daily Express from Chemulpo, dated March 2nd, says that 15,000 Japanese troops have landed at Chemulpo and gone to Ping Yang.

A Harbin correspondent of the Daily Chronicle gives a report that 60,000 Japanese have landed at Wonsan.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Telegraph asserts that three separate Japanese armies have landed in Korea.

Nothing in any of these reports is improbable, but it is evident that Japan is maintaining strict secrecy as to her plans.

Under date of March 3rd, a Chefoo correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says that, although Japan has lost a small number and that the machinery of two of her warships has been damaged, these have probably been fully repaired, and in any event Japan will complete command of the sea and will resume her naval movements, the landing of Japanese troops at the best strategic positions and the occupation of territory near Port Dalny as soon as the winter moderates.

He predicts that, having crossed the Yalu, one army of the Japanese will threaten Kirin, cutting the railroad and menacing Vladivostok while the second force deals with the Liao Tung peninsula.

According to the Chefoo correspondent of the Morning Post, a Japanese battle ship has run aground near Chemulpo.

Refugees from Port Arthur, the Nagasaki correspondent of the Times cables, "believe there were thirty thousand troops there in the middle of February. They report that the ten thousand Russian troops who were dispatched to Korea the beginning of February were so ill-equipped with transports and supplies that it was thought they would be compelled to return. They also say that the Russians treated the Japanese at Port Arthur so brutally that they fled to the sea shore, embarked in small harbor boats and endeavored to reach Port Dalny. Several were drowned."

Confident of Result.

St. Petersburg, March 4.—The government is badly puzzled at the apparent disappearance of the Japanese squadron, which has been investing Port Arthur and are inclined to believe that the ships are being loaded and their ammunition supplied in order to begin a renewal of the bombardment at an early date. The report which is being persistently circulated by the "official" news agency that the Japanese have retired, discouraged at their lack of success in damaging the fortresses and the severe injury of some of their ships, is laughed at by the best of the naval experts here. It is reported that orders have been sent to the commandant at Port Arthur to relax some of his vigilance and not to permit his cruisers and scout boats to venture too far away from their base in endeavoring to locate the enemy.

Russian officers are looking forward confidently to the first battle between the land forces. They declare that the Russian forces in the vicinity of the Yalu are strong enough to contest the points of vantage with the enemy and are placing a great deal of dependence in the strong force of cavalry which General Levenvitch has available for service. It will endeavor to cut the Japanese line of communication and generally harass them without actually participating in a general engagement. The main reliance of the Russian commander will be on his infantry, and he will use the cavalry as an auxiliary and to follow up any advantage that may be gained.

In reply to a telegram sent to him by General Levenvitch, Alexey Alexejeff says: "Your message has strengthened our unshakable determination to fight until the death for faith, the Czar and the country."

Report Heavy Losses.

Vladivostok, March 3.—It is reported here that a Japanese steamer, the name of which is not known, was sunk in the Sea of Japan on February 25th while on her way to Wonsan with a load of rice.

Witnesses of the naval fight at Port Arthur have just arrived here. They declare that the losses of the Japanese up to February 25th were greater than has been admitted in foreign newspapers. In addition to five steamers sunk they say that five torpedo boat destroyers, one gunboat and two torpedo boats were put out of action and several others so damaged that they will require extensive repairs.

Depend on Land Force.

Yin Kow, March 3.—The Russo-Chinese bank is closing preparatory to

removing to Mukden. Women and children are preparing to leave Yin Kow in anticipation of the arrival of a Japanese fleet, which is expected when the river opens, probably a fortnight hence.

On account of the impossibility of defending the coast of Yin Kow until such time as a thaw permits the construction of retrenchments and fortifications, the Russians have prepared to retire up the main railroad line. There are practically shifting and reshuffling of troops and artillery to the small forts at the mouth of the Liao river has the appearance of an intention to defend Yin Kow, the military authorities depend upon an inland engagement to put a stop to the Japanese advance.

As far as is yet known the only plans decided upon are:

First—That Gen. Kourapatkin's headquarters are to be at Mukden. Vice-

roy Alexejeff proposes to remain at Mukden indefinitely, as that city is the centre of the Chinese administration and has a vice-royal bureau.

Second—That the plain west of Tashihachio, which is almost impossible of defence, will be held, if possible, on account of the railroad connecting with Port Arthur.

Third—That Gen. Hsia Chang and Liao Chang are the extreme limits to which troops will be withdrawn on account of the exposure of the railroad at these points.

That the Japanese will arrive before a thaw permits the construction of defences is thought here to be practically certain. It would appear also that the authorities expect Port Arthur to be besieged.

Sir Robert Hart, director of the Chinese imperial maritime customs, after sounding Russian opinion in the matter, has ordered the Chinese customs lightship and the channel buoy to be placed at the river mouth as usual. This step, however, has no effect upon the neutralization of Yen-chau.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Marine Telegraphs that Admiral Makarov has arrived at Port Arthur.

The Harbin correspondent of the

Matin says that a detachment of Japanese cavalry commanded by Vice-Admiral Moshiaki has entered Mai Chia in south Manchuria, close to the Korean border.

HEAVY RAINFALL.

Many Cellars in Business Section of Toronto Flooded.

Toronto, March 3.—Damage to the extent of thousands of dollars was done in the city last night by the heavy downpour of rain, accompanied by thunder and lightning. The gutters, already overflowing with water from the melting snow, were converted into miniature lakes and rivers, and as a result scores of business places in the down town section had cellars flooded.

RACE RIOTS.

Two White Men Reported to Have Been Killed—Negroes Take Refuge in Woods.

Forrest, March 3.—It is reported here that two white men were killed and one white man and two negroes seriously wounded in a race riot at Pokage, I. T., last night. A further clash is feared.

The negroes are said to have fortified themselves in the woods and seem determined to resist to the utmost all efforts to dislodge them.

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SWIFT BY PRAIRIE FIRES.

Hundreds of People Are Homeless and Already Several Deaths Are Reported.

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THE MORMONS.

President Smith Admits He Has Violated the State Laws.

Washington, March 3.—The attorneys for the Protestants in the suit in question to the state of New Mexico for the removal of the Indians from the state, said they expected to prove that the defendant is associated with a hierarchy which practices polygamy and commits at the violation of the law and that his every vote as a senator or the United States is subject to the will and command of the Mormon church. President Joseph Smith confessed that he himself had continued to cohabit with his plural family since the manifesto of 1890, and that he realized that he was violating the state laws. President Smith also testified that Reed Smoot had to get the consent of his associated apostles to be a member of the church before he could become a senator.

The confession of President Smith was the sensation of the proceedings to-day before the Senate Committee of Privileges and Elections. Mr. Smith said that the manifesto of 1890 left those with plural families in the unfortunate situation of being compelled to defy the law or desert their families. For himself he had preferred to "take chances with the law" rather than to disgrace himself and degrade his family by abandoning his wife and the children that they had borne him. He admitted that he had had children by all of his five wives since the manifesto, and he had acknowledged them without interference or disturbance from the people of Utah.

The defense will take the witness stand to-morrow.

HEARING DREYFUSS'S APPEAL.

Facts Upon Which Revision of Case Is Recommended.

Paris, March 3.—When the Court of Cassation met at noon to-day to consider the appeal of Alfred Dreyfus for a revision of his trial, M. Boyer, reporter of the court, read his report in which he presented the two new facts upon which the minister of justice, M. Valéry, recommended a revision of the case. These were set forth as follows:

"One—The secret documents include a letter bearing the initial 'D'. Now, by an affidavit of October 6th, 1903, signed by M. Gréville (keeper of the archives), it appears that this document previously carried the letter 'P'. For this letter was substituted a 'D', and thus the altered document was presented to the court at Rennes.

"Two—According to the minister of justice, another letter signed 'Alex. Andrianine,' which Agent 'A' addressed to Agent 'B,' contained some words in the handwriting of the late Lieutenant-Colonel Henry, who committed suicide in prison, after having confessed to a forgery in the case. The letter relates to the organization of French railroads."

Mr. Guibaud swore during the inquiry of the minister of war that this letter was false. It was true, however, that the date of the document was March 28th, 1895, when Dreyfus was imprisoned on Devil's Island. M. Boyer made a review of the case, declaring he could not find any proof to establish the existence of the document which was claimed to have been annotated by the German Emperor, and which was transmitted to one of Dreyfus' judges at Rennes. There was no doubt, he added, of the transmission of the "Alexandrine" letter with the false date.

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Another interesting exhibit which impresses the public mind is Napoleon Bonaparte's travelling oven, in which the meals of the great campaigner had been cooked on many a battlefield.

The museum contains a large collection of cannon from various countries, some of which bear very quaint inscriptions. The following is a typical selection:

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French—"The spy and the final argument of Kings."

Indian—"For the vanquished of the unbelievers, who have entered certain harbors of India."

Chinese—"The martial and ever vanquished Generalissimo."

A Norwegian chemist has discovered a new and cheap way of masking alcohol from sawdust. Sawdust is treated under pressure with diluted sulphuric acid, by which the cellulose is transformed into sugar, which, by adding fermentation products, is converted into alcohol in the old manner and then distilled. Two hundred and twenty pounds of sawdust yield 15 pounds of alcohol.

The attorney-general said that when he began his consideration of the Dreyfus case he was satisfied that a judicial error had not been committed, but as the investigation proceeded his amazement increased. "One by one," the attorney-general continued, "all the charges vanished, leaving only accusations without importance or consistency. When I examined the secret collection of documents in the case and saw their miserable character, valuable only because of the mystery cleverly thrown about them, I concluded it was necessary to justify to have a last word, and it is my conviction that there is not one of us, if in the army, who would not have succumbed had he been under an accusation thus managed."

The existence of a traitor in the French war office was revealed by an alleged foreign diplomat who acted without compensation. It is now claimed that Lieutenant-Colonel Henry in 1897

caused a book of expenditures to be removed in order to remove all trace of payments to this diplomat, who, it was developed, was an employee of the intelligence department. It was claimed by those present in court that if the news facts are acknowledged by the tribunal, the innocence of Dreyfus would be established.

TWO MEN SHOT.

Assailant, Who Was Arrested, Has Been Immate of Asylum.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Published by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, March 4—5 a. m.—Snow is falling at Barkerville and on the high levels of Oregon and Washington, but westward of the ranges the weather is unsettled and milder, and rainfall has been general, a heavy fall of 1.34 inches during the last 24 hours being reported from Eureka, Cal. In the Northwest the high barometric area has moved eastward and is now central at Port Arthur; temperatures have risen and the weather is fair to cloudy.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p. m. Saturday. Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate winds, mild, with occasional rain.

Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, mild with rain.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.95; temperature, 42; minimum, 42; wind, calm; rain, trace; weather, rain.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, 42; minimum, 36; wind, calm; rain, 32; weather, rain.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.84; temperature, 28; minimum, 28; wind, 4 miles; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.70; temperature, 28; minimum, 22; wind, calm; snow, 10; weather, snow.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.18; temperature, 50; minimum, 50; wind, 4 miles; weather, rain; 32; weather, clear.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.94; temperature, 21; minimum, 21; wind, calm; weather, fair.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer *Chamfer* from Vancouver—J. McCall, G. Livingston and wife, J. Salmon, Dr. Lucas, D. A. McMillan, W. Jones, Miss Begon, M. S. Clark, B. W. Harrison, C. Ewart, H. A. Urquhart and wife, M. B. Gilmour, D. Hersey, Mrs. Corson, F. E. Julian, A. Kays, C. O'Brien, H. Staffan, Mrs. W. H. Wilson, J. Garden, C. E. Heard, E. O. Schofield, C. Harrison, J. J. Cohen, R. Anderson, S. Hart, W. R. Wilson, F. Lovick, Prof. Dongour Jonty, B. R. Seabrook, B. G. Miller, M. L. Martin, W. A. Beattie and wife, Miss F. Vincent.

Per steamer *Whatcom* from the Sound—S. J. Latimer, H. Pratt, Geo. Herman, Geo. Ballard, Gus Lindahl, W. Bissell, Mrs. Morris, Miss Coates, Mr. Prince and wife, Capt. Beecher, Miss Phillips, J. Witt, C. L. Murray, A. R. Johnston, A. Carter, Thos. Griffiths, Jno. Lewis, A. McFadden, E. G. Courtney, Mrs. McSweeney and child, E. M. Barron, Mr. Maxwell, R. T. Lowery, B. Benloff, A. Christie, S. Crump.

Per steamer *City of Puebla* from San Francisco—J. B. Laing, P. J. Laing, A. S. Heanski, J. Armstrong and wife, M. M. Sweeny and wife, E. E. James, D. Tyler, H. C. Clark and wife, R. S. Wilbur, Miss McCarthys, C. Ellison, Miss D. Clark, F. Farwee.

CONSIGNEES.

Per steamer *Princess Beatrice* from Seattle—Miss Baker, Mrs. Jones, Mr. Boscowitz, Eva Bissell, C. Lane, E. Brantley, B. G. Kelly, J. Crawford, R. Plutha, F. B. Murray, A. R. Johnston, A. Carter, Thos. Griffiths, Jno. Lewis, A. McFadden, E. G. Courtney, Mrs. McSweeney and child, E. M. Barron, Mr. Maxwell, R. T. Lowery, B. Benloff, A. Christie, S. Crump.

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The London Times has a good correspondent in the Japanese capital. Capt. Brinkley has long lived in Tokyo, and as editor of *The Japan Mail*, the principal English newspaper in the country, which is at the same time regarded as the official organ of the Japanese government, is in constant touch with ministers and other political leaders. Capt. Brinkley is the most learned authority on Japanese porcelain and pottery, and he has just completed his monumental work on Japan. He married a Japanese lady, and his successful action in the British courts to make it legal under English law constitutes the leading case in this matter.

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HEAVY LOSSES.

Ten Million Feet of Logs Have Been Swept Away by Storms.

Ten million feet of logs have been lost from beams in the last seven and a half weeks, owing to the very rough weather prevailing along the coast.

This statement is made on the authority of W. H. Higgins, president of the Lumbermen's Association. Other loggers, however, place the loss at a lower figure. It is certain, however, that it has been heavy.

Mr. Higgins says that as misfortunes in the logging world seem to be following one upon another, he is getting more and more convinced that the only salvation for the loggers is the formation of a joint stock company, aided to some extent by the banks.

There are some eighty loggers trying to do business along the coast, and if the proposition is managed properly he believes that a large number of them could be induced to take stock.

GAZETTE NOTICES.

Changes in the Office of Inspectors of Mines—Companies Incorporated.

In addition to the list of appointments which were published in the Times yesterday afternoon, the Provincial Gazette contains a number of other matters.

Notice is given that the following changes in the offices of inspectors of coal and metalliferous mines have been decided upon, viz.

East Kootenay inspection district, head-quarters, Cranbrook, B. C.: Thomas Morgan has been assigned to the East Kootenay inspection district as from the 18th day of March, 1904, until further notice.

Vancouver Island and Coast inspection district, headquarters, government buildings, Nanaimo, B. C.: Archibald Dick has been assigned to the Vancouver Island and Coast inspection district, as from the 21st of March, 1904, until further notice.

Further notice is given that Francis H. Shepherd, M. E., has been appointed acting inspector of coal mines and acting inspector of metalliferous mines for the Vancouver Island and Coast inspection district, and has been assigned to the office of inspector of the said district as from the 7th of March, 1904, until the 20th of March, 1904, or until relieved by Inspector Dick.

The following companies have been incorporated: "The A. J. Burton Saw Company, Ltd." capital \$175,000; Golden Copper Mining Company, Ltd., capital \$200,000; Moore Preserve Company, Ltd., capital \$50,000.

Harvey Combe, registrar of voters, will hold a court of revision for the Victoria city and Esquimalt-electoral districts. The Squamish school district has been created.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

February Record Was An Excellent One—The Totals.

The attendance in the schools during last month was very good, except in the lowest primary classes. The totals are as follows:

Schools.	Attend. for Month.	Daily Average.	P.C.
High School	211	191.35	90.68
Boys' School	550	483.41	87.89
Girls' School	441	401.09	90.95
North Ward	440	386.98	87.95
South Park	399	350.56	91.82
Victoria West	217	197.58	91.05
Spring Ridge	176	157.23	89.25
Hillside	133	111.48	83.78
Kingsland Street	149	131.62	88.33
Rock Bay	68	55.11	81.04

An average of 99 per cent. was reached by individual divisions as follows:

High School—Divisions 1, 2, 5, 6, 7.

Boys' School—Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

Girls' School—Divisions 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8.

North Ward School—Divisions 1, 2, 6, 7, 8.

Victoria West—Divisions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6.

Spring Ridge—Divisions 1, 2.

Kingsland Street—Division 4.

South Park School—Divisions 1, 6, 7.

Of these the following reached 99 per cent.:

High School—Division 1, 99.33 per cent.

Girls' School—Division 1, 99.55 per cent.

Girls' School—Division 2, 99.07 per cent.

South Park School—Division 1, 95.35.

South Park School—Division 6, 95.87.

South Park School—Division 7, 96.85.

A comparison with the returns of February, 1903, is suggestive of the distribution of the school population:

No. Attending.	Feb.	1904.
High School	1903	211
Central and Spring Ridge	1,167	1,079
N. Ward, Hillside, Rock Bay	641	593
South Park and Kingston St.	500	500
Victoria West	217	217

2,739 2,745

The increase in the Central school is noticeable, the decrease in the Victoria West and North Ward is due to the exclusion this year of the non-resident pupils.

During the German army manoeuvres there were moved over one railroad in two days, without suspending its regular traffic, 50,000 men, 5,200 horses, 228 wagons and 500 tons of baggage.

Oats, when taken from the vines, are quite soft, and can be picked to pieces with the finger nails.

DOMINION BUSINESS MEN COMMEND IDEA

"Made in Canada" Fair Promises to Receive Support From All Parts of Canada.

The Times received the following from Mrs. Edward Hassell, convenor of the advertising committee, "Made in Canada" Fair:

Further encouragement has been received by the committee interested in promoting the "Made in Canada" Fair. Letters have been received as follows from:

W. Stein, Vancouver, local secretary Canadian Manufacturers' Association: "I would take this opportunity of wishing you success in promoting the fair."

The Methodist Book House, Toronto: "I need not say that I am in sympathy with the enterprise, and wish it success; and we believe that for general lines of manufacture this should prove a reliable advertisement."

"Pure Gold" Company, Toronto: "We might say that we think the idea a commendable one, and ought to be helpful to the manufacturer to such an extent as to make him anxious to forward the interests of the fair."

Arthur Pagnat, Quebec: "Wishing you all possible success."

Parke, Davis & Company, Walkerville: "Wishing you abundant success."

P. O. Dickenson, for H. Donkin, manufacturer's agent, Victoria: "I would say that this move strikes me favorably."

Collingwood Meal Company: "We think the idea of the fair is most commendable, and we wish it every success."

Wallaceburg Sugar Company: "Trust you that you will meet with every success in your endeavor."

B. C. Brown, Manufacturing Company, Vancouver: "We beg to assure you that you have our best wishes for the success of the undertaking, and we shall be pleased if we can assist in any way to make the fair a success."

Cowan Company, Toronto: "We are firm believers in Canada, in its people, in its actual resources, in its manufacturers, and we feel confident that she will be satisfied to take a second place in any department. As a matter of fact many articles manufactured in Canada will bear comparison with the best made anywhere; but Canadians should not rest content with anything less than the best in anything."

Chase & Sanborn: "In reply to your very interesting circulars, it affords much pleasure to say that we will gladly make a contribution to your laudable object."

Ralph Smith & Company: "We beg to say that we fully appreciate the object of such a fair."

E. W. Gillett: "We have done a great deal of advertising in Victoria during the past year, introducing one or two of the lines we manufacture, and we were struck by the fact of the large amount of English and American goods that were used by packers in Victoria."

Ingersoll Packing Company: "We think your object is very commendable. This winter we had the pleasure of seeing a "Made in Canada" Fair at Hamilton, which was a great success. The style and get up of the booths, the display of the goods and the enthusiastic interest of those responsible for the success of the fair were very noticeable. We feel that you will have, and deserve to have, a prompt response from all manufacturers."

Wm. Tufts & Son, Vancouver: "We take this opportunity of replying to your circular, and may add that we esteem it a great privilege as well as pleasure to donate samples of our manufactured goods, and will forward same at later date."

Henson Woollen Mills, Amherst: "First of all we wish to express our appreciation, as Canadian manufacturers, of the very tangible interest which is being taken by the King's Daughters of your city in the goods made in Canada."

Tolton, Toronto: "I am pleased to note that you propose holding a "Made in Canada" Fair."

Toronto Carpet Company: "The idea is excellent."

All these have supplemented their kind words by promises of contributions for the exhibition, or by taking sections for individual exhibits.

ESQUIMALT WEDDING.

Marriage of Miss Harris and Mr. Moore, of Vancouver, took place last evening.

The marriage of Miss Bertha Harris, second daughter of Mrs. Arthur Mosher, of Admirals' road, Esquimalt, and Mr. James Moore, of Vancouver, took place yesterday afternoon. The ceremony was performed in the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home by Rev. J. P. Hicks.

The bride was attired in a beautiful costume of lawn broadcloth, trimmed with cream chiffon, and wore a large chiffon picture hat. She carried a beautiful shower bouquet of white roses and carnations, the gift of the groom. The bridesmaid, Miss Beatrice Harris, wore a pretty costume of blue cloth with chiffon picture hat and carried a beautiful bouquet of pink roses and carnations.

Mr. Geo. T. Ward, R. N., acted as best man. The bridegroom was presented with a beautiful locket and chain by his bride.

The wedding was served at the home of the bride's parents, after which the evening was spent in dancing and various amusements. There were a large number of valuable presents received by Mr. and Mrs. Moore. Later in the evening the bride and groom left for the Sound on a honeymoon trip.

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A. Edwards, 51 Yates St.

Campbell & Cullin, Govt. and Trounce Alley,
George Marsden, cor. Yates and Govt.
H. W. Walker, grocer, Esquimalt road.

W. Wilson, 91 Douglas St.

Mrs. Crook, Victoria West post office.

Pope Stationery Co., 119 Government St.

Redfern, Crawford road, Victoria, W.

George J. Cook, 80 Fort St.

J. T. McDonald, Oak Bay Junction.

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THE TIMES COMPANY.

The re-incorporation of the Times Printing & Publishing Company, Limited, which was rendered necessary by the expiration of the time for which the original company was incorporated, has been completed. No limitation has been placed on the existence of the new company, which may now go on forever publishing the news of the world to a large and constantly increasing number of readers. The capital stock of the Company has been increased to \$100,000, of which \$75,000 in fully paid up shares has been issued. The directors, appointed at a meeting of the shareholders held today, are: W. Templeman, John Nelson, Hugh R. McIntyre and Robert Dunn. The directors subsequently appointed W. Templeman, President; John Nelson, Managing Director; and Hugh R. McIntyre, Secretary.

The officers of the Company are same as formerly, while the editorial chair will continue to be filled by Robert Dunn.

SIR JOSEPH TRUFTCH.

The present generation of active British Columbians has probably but little knowledge of Sir Joseph Trufts, who paid the final tribute of mortals to-day. He was one of the pioneers of the country, and as an engineer was associated with the construction of most of the first development works. Like all his contemporaries who hewed their way into prominent places in the colony, Sir Joseph must have been a man of great energy and force of character. There were giants in those days, if we credit the stories told by survivors. We are afraid such traits of character would not fit in with the conditions of these modern times. Strong men in small communities are apt to be arbitrary and domineering, if not actually despotic in their rulings. It is well known that there were some in British Columbia's infantile days who would not brook opposition or even suggestions. Now we have donned the garments of adolescence and insist upon having a voice in the disposition of our affairs, leaders are compelled to defer to the prejudices of the multitude. There are differences of opinion as to the comparative merits of the old system and the new. The pioneer still insists that there were not like the old times, and that these are degenerate days. He lives in the past; we look forward to the future, and all admit that there can be no turning back.

Still it is meet that we pay tribute to the fathers of the province as they pass from amongst us, that we note their works, and hold them up as an example to those who must in the course of time assume the responsibilities of government, of development and of business.

ABOUT EXHIBITIONS.

Now let our business men and all and sundry interested in the good name of Victoria and in her reputation for enterprise, prepare to look pleasant. The Mayor has an important project on his hands—something in which we are all interested. As the orphans have all been generously provided for, the W. W. C. T. U. is apparently in easy circumstances, the Willing Workers and Irresistible Canvassers from the other side of the boundary line have no scheme of benevolence in view, we submit that the liberal-handed people of this no mean city should be prepared to excel themselves.

Our representatives are setting their house in order for the annual annual exhibition. They are commencing thus early because there is reason to believe the measure of success which attends this year's show will have an important influence upon the location of the Dominion Exhibition which, it is assumed, will be held in the extreme western part of Canada in the fall of 1905. This show will be held at Winnipeg during the present year, it carries a very handsome vote of Dominion funds with it, and if Victoria should succeed in carrying off the

prize she could afford to stick a very fine feather in her cap.

New Westminster is hot upon the scent of the Dominion exhibition now. Our neighbors are active and aggressive, and very proud of the fame they have gained for their fall fair. Vancouver's citizens look upon this as a fine one of their own institutions. They will cordially co-operate with the Westministers in their movement. Thus it is obvious that we must work hard and contribute generously if we hope to attain success. But Victorians have carried more difficult positions than that on which they are now moving. Their exhibition is now firmly established and in many respects is the most important held west of Winnipeg. If we but forget Assessments Acts, the demands for education, the municipal rates, income taxes, and all the various forms of taxation that beset the modern man from the cradle to the tomb, and come down hard, surely, there is little doubt that the Dominion exhibition of 1905 will be held in Victoria. Without a bountiful supply of funds we fear His Worship and his fellow-workers will not be able to land the prize.

MORMONS AND OTHERS.

Those Mormon fellows must possess management after all. While we must confess that they appear to be rather selfish in persisting in the maintenance of harems full of contented wives while thousands of their neighbors in other states are obliged to try, and try again, with the assistance of convenient divorce courts, before they finally join hands with their affines, the fact that divorce is not rampant in Utah—from all we can learn—would indicate that there may be something to be said in favor of their apparently abhorrent system.

The present head of the Mormon Church, a blood descendant of the "apostle" who received the direct revelation from God, ordering the practice of polygamy, says he prefers defying the law of the United States to deserting his five wives and proportionately large families. This loyal, true-hearted gentleman might do his full duty by his several families without breaking the law if he were so disposed, but in that case he would not be living up to the principles of his religion and he might be called upon to exercise a self-restraint that is contrary to the teachings of his sublime faith. The case is utterly beyond the bounds of our simple philosophy. That fact we confess in all humility. But we must say the extremes to which our neighbors run in pursuit of happiness are perplexing. Over in Seattle we think there are on the average about three divorces granted daily. The proportion will increase with the growth of the state. How many years must elapse before the whole population has gone through the mill? The problem should not be nearly so difficult of solution, and is vastly more interesting than the age of Ann.

There is no likelihood of Canadians being called upon in the immediate future to wrestle with one phase of the matrimonial mix-up. But we are not so sure about our immunity from the consequences of the presence of the other family of extremists. Mr. Smith, the Mormon apostle, has just confessed that his family has literally been growing by "leaps and bounds" since the law suppressing polygamy in Utah was passed. It is presumed that the fruitfulness in the colony is not confined to one family. There must therefore be a large overflow of population at the present time, and the surplus of population for export must continue to grow. It has been directed to the promising fields of Western Canada for reasons which are not at present clear. We are not matrimony latitudinarians in Canada. It is presumed that our Latter Day Saints are complying with the law and that the two thousand Mormons who are going to trek north during the present season with their flocks and their herds are attracted solely by our fair fields and fertile plains. If they are not the time may come for our legislators to wrestle with a Soot problem.

The winter on Vancouver Island has not been exactly what it would have been had we had anything to do with the selection, but it has not been such an extreme departure from the ordinary that there is any necessity to apologize for it and declare to strangers that the conditions for the past three or four months have been abnormal. Some of our Eastern contemporaries have been busy for weeks explaining to strangers within their midst that it is not usual for snowbanks ten or twelve feet in depth to pile themselves up along principal highways, for trains to take nearly a week to complete a trip twenty miles in length, for the thermometer to hover in the neighborhood of zero for weeks, or for the frost to penetrate so far into the ground as to freeze waterpipes embedded in six feet of earth. We have been obliged to submit to some inconveniences, but they have all been tolerable and not so solid as twenty below zero.

THEORY AND PRACTICE.

Toronto Telegram.

The Czar's love of peace conferences was inspired by Russia's need of peace. The Czar has reserved his high and holy ideals for export, which is a pity considering that no country on earth offers a finer home market for high and holy ideals than the Russia which has violated the treaty-shattered liberties of Finland and murdered the helpless Jews.

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IN REPLY TO METHODIST.

To the Editor.—Will you kindly permit me to answer a letter in your March 4th issue on the Sabbath question? And let me say one word by way of a prophecy. This is destined to become the great question in the near future.

Now, in reference to myself some six years ago saying I was impressed by the Spirit of God to call on him, Methodist. I wish he had given his name, and not used a non-do plumb, because I like to know to whom I am speaking. I have given my name and address. He may be right. Of course six years is a long time to remember a circumstance like that, seeing I have had some hundreds of such impressions during the sixteen years I have been in the Third Angel's message.

Seventh Day Adventist simply means one who observes the seventh day, and looks for the Lord's coming, and was taken as a name to do business. There is much in a name, after all. Jesus means Saviour, Christ, Anointed, and before Him, every knee must bow, whether in love or fear, in that day when He comes to judge.

Just one word more in reference to Image to the Beast. That is the mark, bowing to worship on a day exalted above the plain commandment of Jehovah by the Man of Sin, mentioned in Daniel, 7th chapter, Rev. 13th, and Thessalonians 2nd chapter—read it all—and mark well, for the time is now, and from this on.

Thanking you, sir, for your kindness and patience with me.

SAMUEL BARTLETT.

15 Ellice Street, Victoria.

"SPELLING REFORM."

To the Editor.—With the prospect of an up-to-date library for Victoria, we notice with mingled surprise and sorrow that the spelling reform mania has attacked our venerable city. I notice that the building that surrounds the site of the new institution now under construction gives the names of the architects of the "Carnegie Library," and so that there may be no doubt of the sign painters' zest for spelling reform, the word "Library" again appears in its modernized form on the opposite side of the building—matching very much like a pair of grotesque fangs. I cannot claim a profound acquaintance with the original architectural plan, but I presume it is the intention to have the name of the building indelibly impressed on the face of the masonry. It would therefore be gratifying to know whether or not it is the intention to have the word library supplemented with up-to-date "E." If not, it would seem to demonstrate that in donating an institution where the art of correct spelling may be made easy, Mr. Carnegie, with his usual astuteness, accurately diagnosed the most pressing need of this illiterate and benighted community.

A KIND OF A CRANK.

ROAD WORK.

To the Editor.—On Sunday, Feb. 21st ult., in the columns of the Colonist, a correspondent, over the signature "Farmer," commenced a correspondence and followed it up on March 2nd inst. with a hydra-like dose of letters. There is no doubt but that the three letters which have appeared in the Colonist concerning road work in Esquimalt have emanated from the same inkpot. I could admire "Farmer's" ingenuity, if not his scrupulousness, had he been original. In the history of Canada there are several instances of stratagems by the whites to deceive the Indians as to their numbers. One instance at Detroit will probably establish "Farmer's" precedent. A small party of British soldiers, under Major Gladwyn, were besieged by the Indians on Pontiac about 1761. To deceive the Indians as to the number of his soldiers, the commanding officer ordered his men to march past an open embrasure, in plain view of the enemy, for a couple of hours. Round and round they went, until Pontiac was so impressed by the appearance of numbers that he withdrew from attacking them, and despatched himself to cut off all communication with the outside world. Major Gladwyn was thus enabled to hold out until relieved by Captain Dall, after peace was declared between England and France.

"Farmer," whether he writes as "Farmer No. 1" or "No. 2," or as "Another Farmer," should confine himself more if he desires to carry weight, to statements capable of

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And besides being new and fresh in style and handsome as Boys' Clothing can be, prices are at the lowest notch for which clothing of such character can be sold.

We will show Saturday the most stylish lot of Norfolk Suits we have seen. Prices \$3.75, \$4.50, \$6.50, \$7.50 and \$10.00.

Boys' Reverses in fine serge, \$3.75.

Boys' Overcoats of covert cloth, \$3.75 to \$10.00.

During this week many changes have been made in the location of departments. These changes have brought a few lines to our notice that will be cleared out to-day and Saturday.

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All shades in stock to-day, skein, 7c.

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City News in Brief.

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Lodge No. 17, K. of P., met last night. Six applications for membership were received. One member was put through the third rank.

Jesse A. Longfield (late with Hopkins, England), tunes, regulates and repairs pianos and organs. Twelve years' practical experience. Address 248 Cook street. Phone 711.

The seat plan for the Victoria theatre attractions has been taken over by M. W. Waitt & Co., Government Street. Seats for "Rosemary" and the wrestling match on Monday evening are on sale.

A benefit concert for the wife and family of F. Peatt, who was injured in the Point Ellice bridge disaster, is to be given in the Victoria theatre on the 14th. The reserved seat plan is at M. W. Waitt & Co.'s.

Andrew Becktel, of the Victoria Machinery Depot, has been called to Butte, Montana, through the death of his father in that city. He left last night. The late Mr. Becktel had upon different occasions visited in this city.

Another of the series of dances being given in the public hall at Esquimalt will take place to-night. Those already given have been most enjoyable, and preparations are made for to-night which will insure similar results.

B. E. Maynard, of this city, has contributed a very interesting article to the Vancouver News-Advertiser on fertilizers. The writer deals with the subject in the fullest and clearest manner, and doubtless it will be read with profit by the readers of the Vancouver daily.

Fire, Life, Marine Accident Agency, The Liverpool and London & Globe (Fire) Insurance Company, The Travelers' Life & Accident Insurance Company, The St. Paul (Marine) Insurance Company Lloyd's Underwriters, London; Atlantic S. S. Tickets, Office Wellington coal. Hall, Gospel & Co., 100 Government street. Telephone call No. 83.

The funeral of J. A. White took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence, No. 5 Putnam street. There was a very large attendance of friends, the funeral being one of the largest held in this city. There was also a large number of floral designs showing that the deceased was held in the highest esteem by a wide circle of friends. Services were conducted by Rev. E. G. Miller at the residence and afterwards at the grave. The Cigarmakers' Union, No. 211, of which the deceased was a member, attended in a body. The following were the pall-bearers: H. Hepworth, R. P. Cook, J. D. Hepworth, C. Benham, J. Hepworth and J. Finerty.

There was an exciting runaway from in front of the Vernon hotel this morning. The bus of the hotel was left standing in front of the building preparatory to taking a number of passengers down to the E. & N. railway depot. Four passengers, Mrs. W. W. B. McInnes, two children and maid, had already got in and the driver had returned to the office for a few hand grips when the horses started with the slightest warning. As they raced along Douglas street Mrs. McInnes and one child jumped out and fell heavily to the ground. They were fortunately not badly hurt, and were able to walk back to the hotel. The other passengers stayed in the bus and were also uninjured. The horses ran to McNeill's stable on Johnson street, escaping a telephone post on route by a very narrow margin.

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The Mormon church will hold their quarterly conference in the A. O. U. W. Hall at 7:30 o'clock this evening. Nephi Pratt, one of the most forcible exponents of the principles of the peculiar faith, will be present to address the meeting.

There was one lone offender in the police court this morning. His name was given as Ah Yee, and he was charged with obstruction of the streets by law, having driven over Rock Bay bridge at a pace faster than the law allows. He was fined \$5, or in default ten days.

Arrangements are being made for a lecture to be given by Dr. Newcombe before the board of trade. The doctor has very valuable information on the manners, history and customs of the aborigines of British Columbia. He is admirably qualified to give a most interesting lecture.

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It is altogether likely that Rev. W. J. Hindley, pastor of the Pilgrim church, Spokane, will succeed Rev. R. B. Blyth in the pulpit of the First Congregational church in this city. The board of managers of the church have recommended this reverend gentleman to the mission board, which makes the appointment. No word has yet been received in this regard, but there is little doubt that the recommendation of the managers of the church will be acted upon. Rev. Mr. Hindley is a very able and popular divine. He officiated at the opening of the new edifice here, and at that time created a very favorable impression. Previous to occupying the pastorate of the Spokane church he resided in Vancouver.

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T. B. Hall, provincial assessor, will hear appeals against assessment on March 10th. In addition to a list of complaints against assessments being too high, Dunsman & Sons claim exemption under the Railway Assessment Act for the steamers Joan and City of Nanaimo, and also for Scow No. 1.

Steps are being taken by Secretary Fisher, of the Y. M. C. A., to arrange a championship shuffle tournament among the members. Entries are being called, and as soon as a sufficient number have responded a series of games will be arranged. All interested are requested to submit their names as soon as possible.

Howard Kyle and company will present Louis N. Parker's fine drama, "Rosemary," at the Victoria theatre this evening. This production has achieved great success in the East and in England. Such actors as John Drew and Sir Charles Wyndham have deemed it worthy to employ as a vehicle for their talent, and it should therefore be worth the interest of Victoria playgoers.

An error was made in yesterday's Times in reference to the announcement that Lord Dandounald on his recent trip north on the steamer Quadra presented the crew with \$25. The matter was drawn to the attention of Capt. Hackett, master of the steamer, when reading a ridiculous letter signed "watcher" in the Colonist this morning. The facts of the presentation are that Lord Dandounald came to Capt. Hackett on the voyage and asked the latter what form he thought a present to the seamen would be best appreciated. Capt. Hackett suggested cash, and the suggestion was immediately acted on. As to the propriety of publishing the news item referring to this incident and to the receipt of the cigars a few days ago Capt. Hackett had nothing to do. "Watcher" may know some things, but certainly exhibits a poor conception of news and a poor appreciation of acts of men in public life, particularly in a position such as Lord Dandounald holds.

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**FALKLAND ISLAND
SEALING CATCHES**

**SHIPMENT OF SKINS
FROM BALCOM FLEET**

Victoria Owner Receives News in Cable

Message—Sealers Have Left

Drake's Bay.

Capt. Balcom, of this city, the owner of a fleet of six schooners now hunting seals on the Falkland Islands coast, has been advised in a cable message from London of the arrival there of 5,584 skins from the southern sea. The fleet had put in at a Falkland Island port, shipped their skins, and have gone to sea again. None reported accidents, and will see all though all would meet which were fitted out at Halifax, are Edith R. Balcom, the Agnes G. Donline, the Edward Roy (the pioneer of the fleet), the Beatrice L. Corker, the Ola M. Balcom and the St. Clair. Capt. Balcom's advice says nothing whatever about the E. B. Marvin or Enterprise, from this port, which are also hunting off the Falkland Islands.

As for the Casco and City of San Diego, which put into Drake's Bay on the California coast a few weeks ago, Capt. Grant, manager of the Victoria Sealing Company, has been notified that the schooners have both proceeded to sea again. Three men were shipped by each vessel to replace those who had deserted at that port.

CARGO SHIPS EN ROUTE.

There are now but two cargo ships en route for European ports from British Columbia. Of these the British barque Homestead, 2,261 tons, is fully due. She is out 156 days from Liverpool and general cargo consigned to Evans, Coleman & Evans. She was last spoken on November 2nd in 38 N. 14 W. The British ship Celtic March is 162 days out from Rotterdam. She also has general cargo consigned to Evans, Coleman & Evans. She was last spoken on November 2nd in 38 N. 14 W. The British ship Homestead, 2,261 tons, is fully due. She is out 156 days from Liverpool and general cargo consigned to Evans, Coleman & Evans. She was last spoken on November 2nd in 38 N. 14 W. The British ship Celtic March is 162 days out from Rotterdam. She also has general cargo consigned to Evans, Coleman & Evans. She was last spoken on November 2nd in 38 N. 14 W. The British ship Homestead, 2,261 tons, is fully due. She is out 156 days from Liverpool and general cargo consigned to Evans, Coleman & Evans. She was last spoken on November 2nd in 38 N. 14 W. The British ship Celtic March is 162 days out from Rotterdam. She also has general cargo consigned to Evans, Coleman & Evans. She was last spoken on November 2nd in 38 N. 14 W. The British ship Homestead, 2,261 tons, is fully due. She is out 156 days from Liverpool and general cargo consigned to Evans, Coleman & Evans. She was last spoken on November 2nd in 38 N. 14 W. The British ship Celtic March is 162 days out from Rotterdam. She also has general cargo consigned to Evans, Coleman & Evans. She was last spoken on November 2nd in 38 N. 14 W. The British ship Homestead, 2,261 tons, is fully due. She is out 156 days from Liverpool and general cargo consigned to Evans, Coleman & Evans. She was last spoken on November 2nd in 38 N. 14 W. The British ship Celtic March is 162 days out from Rotterdam. She also has general cargo consigned to Evans, Coleman & Evans. She was last spoken on November 2nd in 38 N. 14 W. The British ship Homestead, 2,261 tons, is fully due. She is out 156 days from Liverpool and general cargo consigned to Evans, Coleman & Evans. She was last spoken on November 2nd in 38 N. 14 W. The British ship Celtic March is 162 days out from Rotterdam. She also has general cargo consigned to Evans, Coleman & Evans. She was last spoken on November 2nd in 38 N. 14 W. The British ship Homestead, 2,261 tons, is fully due. She is out 156 days from Liverpool and general cargo consigned to Evans, Coleman & Evans. She was last spoken on November 2nd in 38 N. 14 W. The British ship Celtic March is 162 days out from Rotterdam. She also has general cargo consigned to Evans, Coleman & Evans. She was last spoken on November 2nd in 3

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HOCKEY.

REGULAR PRACTICE TO-MORROW.
The Victoria Hockey Club will hold their regular practice to-morrow at 3 o'clock. All members are requested to turn out. Two games are to be played with the Bar-tracks before the end of the season.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

JUNIOR GAME.

Commencing at 1:30 o'clock, a junior league match will be played to-morrow afternoon between the Central and Oak Bay Fifteens. These teams are evenly matched, which has been proved by the close scores in previous struggles. The game to-morrow will, in all probability, be the last opportunity they will have of playing this season, and both are therefore determined to win.

The Central team will line up as follows: Full back, H. Ogden; three-quarters, A. Sargison, H. Sargison, F. Anderson and W. Toda; half backs, W. Newcombe and W. Kinlock; forwards, L. Sweeney (centre), Morris, McConnel, J. Haynor, Fawcett, Janion, Wilson, Clegg and Keefe; substitutes, Lyall, Farrel and Knox.

The Oak Bay fifteen will be chosen from the following: Phair, Nason, Scott, Winsby, F. Nason, Patterson, Ashe, A. Morris, Robertson, J. Haynor, Fawcett, Janion, McLean, Miller, Marco and Pitts.

VICTORIA V. FLORA.

A team selected from Victoria senior and intermediate players and H. M. S. Flora fifteen will contest a game to-morrow afternoon at the Caledonia grounds. The teams will line up at 3 o'clock promptly. Alexis Martin will act as referee.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

VICTORIA V. GARRISON.
At Work Point barracks to-morrow afternoon a provincial league game will be played between the Victoria and Garrison teams, commencing at 3 o'clock. These teams, as was shown by the schedule published yesterday, are at the head of the league, the soldiers leading by one point. If the Garrison win to-morrow they will have an advantage that will be difficult to overcome. The Victoria eleven will be the strongest that can get together, and each player will fit his utmost to contribute to the success of the old team.

The soldiers, needless to say, are determined to win. They have been practicing regularly during the week and are in the pink of condition. With the advantage of playing on their own grounds and having a large crowd of supporters, they are confident of obtaining a victory with comparative ease. Following are the respective teams:

Victoria—Goal, F. Jones; full back, A. Goward (captain), N. Gowen; half backs, J. Thompson, S. Lorimer, W. York; forwards, Lieut. Lewis, B. Tyr, Rev. H. A. Collinson, J. Lorimer, D. Menzies. (Players are requested to catch the 2:30 car.)

Garrison—Goal, Gr. Warrall; full backs, Williams and Mitchell; half backs, Davis, Haley and Price; forwards, Grimes, Phillips, Harrison, Clinch and Matthews.

MILITARY MATTERS.

Events of the Present Week in Regimental Circles.

Members of the Fifth Regiment are requested to take note of the following programme for the week, which will be published from day to day with the elimination of the various events as they occur:

Friday.

1. Gallery practice; 2. Band practice.

Saturday.

Band practice.

Sunday.

TIDE TABLE.

VICTORIA—WEST WOMEN.

Y. W. A. A. 20; F. Y. M. A. 7. This was the result of an intermediate league game played last evening between the Victoria West and Fernwoods teams at the Y. M. C. A. hall. The game was interesting, although the Fernwoods boys were outplayed in every department. The Victoria warders were not as quick in accurate as their opponents, but the F. Y. M. A. guards put up a strong defence. At half time the score was comparatively even, but the Victoria West team gained a big lead in the second part of the contest.

J. B. A. A. V. Y. M. C. A.

To-morrow evening a game will be played between the James Bay and Y. M. C. A. teams at the drill hall. Play will commence at 8:30 o'clock, and a close contest is looked forward to. The Y. M. C. A. boys have been training faithfully during the past several weeks, and have not only developed an excellent combination, but are especially good at shooting. The J. B. A. A. boys are in excellent trim. Following are the respective teams:

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WHY THE BRITISH DISTRUST RUSSIA

THE PASSIVE HOSTILITY BETWEEN COUNTRIES

How Moves of the Bear Have Been
Checked—Search for South-
ern Ports.

What the nations are about to witness is a grand turning movement on the part of Russia against its old, dogged opponent, Britain. As an incident of this operation Japan must be crushed. They must be cleared of Russia's flank, otherwise the advance of the Czar's forces cannot be contained across China. Japan stands between Russia and the aim of which she has never lost sight—to turn the British off their position in India and to shatter the British wall that blocks the Russian path in the Persian Gulf and the Bosphorus. Lord Lansdowne, the British foreign minister, not long ago boldly announced in the House of Lords that Britain would fight any power that might presume to share the advantages of the Persian Gulf. All I have to say, is that that is a question of strategy and strength rather than a question of official pronouncements.

Is the Mask Off?

Thus spoke a Russian general the other day, according to a St. Petersburg dispatch, which, however, strangely resembles a dispatch which might be composed in the seclusion of some New York newspaper office. It is not like "a well-known Russian general" to throw aside the mask unless something is to be gained, and it is difficult to understand how Russia secures any advantage by taking the world into her confidence, and avowing intentions which she has hitherto disclaimed. Of course, everyone knows how Russia yearns to establish a foothold in India; how she longs to destroy British prestige in Persia, and how she pants to spread her influence south, through China and Tibet, to Afghanistan. But we do not know any of these things because Russia told us of them. Her generals are not in the habit of blunting out admissions of this sort. They are too well disciplined. The general's remarks, whether authentic or not, are interesting. In one sense they call to mind the passive hostility which has always existed between the two countries. That Britain is suspicious of Russia, and that Russia dislikes Britain is true, and has been true for a century. The possibility that these unfriendly relations, added to Britain's interest in Japan, may yet embroil the Empire, makes a retrospect of Anglo-Russian affairs peculiarly instructive.

London is Anti-Russian.

The British have always differentiated between Russia and the Russian people, and it is Russia that they mistrust. For the Russians, the common people, who are little better than slaves, according to Anglo-Saxon ideas of liberty, Englishmen have always had sympathy, mingled with pity. But the Russia that has made Siberia notorious, that conquered Finland and Poland, that spreads her police spies over all the world, and that menaces India, is quite another Russia, indeed. This is the Russia that Britain is always watching. One reason why this feeling should exist more in England than in any other European country is to be found in the fact that London has always been a city of refuge for the persecuted. All sorts of agitators, Finns, Poles and Jews, congregate there; escaped Nihilists make it their headquarters. In such numbers do they come that their influence is bound to be felt in London. These agitators or patriots (whichever they are) are always crying out against Russia. Many of them are able men, cultured men, and Englishmen who come in contact with them are prone to accept their interpretation of the word Russia. For fifty years or more this anti-Russian movement has been gathering strength. In itself it might never be serious, but added to real grievances it has had a powerful effect on the mind of the average Briton.

The Crimean War.

Had it not been for this sentiment, Great Britain could never have been dragged into her first and last open clash with Russia in the Crimea. This war, which did not really concern Great Britain in the first place, was chiefly of France's making. But the British minister at Constantinople, Lord Stratford, had a personal grievance against the Czar (who had refused to receive him at St. Petersburg), and his private animosity prompted him to take an anti-Russian attitude. The war grew out of petty religious squabbles between France and Russia regarding the custody of some holy places in Jerusalem. It resulted in Russia demanding that the Sultan of Turkey recognize Russia as the protector of the Greek church in Turkey. All the powers agreed to this, but Turkey, encouraged by Lord Stratford, refused. Suddenly the Porte ordered all Russians out of his dominion, and followed this edict up by attacking some Russian troops. Russia retaliated by destroying the Turkish fleet at Sinope. This engagement, which had some of the features of a massacre, so aroused British public opinion that the ministry was

forced into the arena, and Britain became the ally of France.

Trouble in Persia.

In 1856, the very year when peace was restored, the Shah of Persia, thinking Britain was sufficiently engaged in the Crimea, seized the city of Herat, on Russian advice, thus committing an overt act of war. The expedition of Sir Jas. Outram quickly cured Persia of her love of fighting. Then for a few years no offensive move was made by Russia. But in 1870, instigated by Bismarck, she abrogated the treaty by which the Crimean war had been settled, and began fortifying the Black Sea. Britain protested, but was not willing to go to war, especially as Germany supported Russia, and France lay prostrate at the feet of her conqueror. So nothing came of the protest, and Russia carried her point.

Afghanistan Intrigue.

Not long after this, Russian intrigue at Kabul brought on the war with Afghanistan, in which Lord Roberts distinguished himself. The Czar's policy was to establish himself in this "buffer state" and use it as a base by which he might penetrate India, and gain an outlet to the sea. In the years which have elapsed this policy has not changed. Russia, the great land country, needs, above everything, southern ports, and southeastern ports. Britain's policy has been to keep Russia isolated, to seal up the Bear in his cavern. This, too, is the principle for which her stout little ally Japan has gone to war. Toronto Mail and Empire.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

VANCOUVER.

In the police court on Wednesday Louis Middlemass elected for summary trial on the charge of stealing \$240 and a diamond ring from the house of Robert Mee, 626 Homer street. The boy pleaded guilty to the charge. The magistrate said that he was apparently an incorrigible thief, and thought it would be for his own good to have 5 fairly long term of imprisonment, so he sentenced him to five years, hard labor in the penitentiary. In passing sentence the magistrate pointed out distinctly that it was given with a view to the boy's moral betterment.

A number of applications for increases in salaries were submitted to the health committee on Wednesday. The assistant health inspector applied for an increase. He mentioned that he had been five years in the city's employ, during which period he had received only \$10 per month advance, making his present salary \$70. The health inspector also applied for an increase of \$10 per month on his present salary of \$100 per month. He mentioned that the work of his department had increased very largely during the last few years, over \$1,750 having been collected in fees during the last year. The assistant plumbing inspector had an application for increase. His present wages, he said, were less than those paid to journeymen plumbers. The cemetery caretaker requested an increase of \$10 per month in salary to place him on a level with other officials occupying similar positions. These were all referred to the salary committee.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

On Tuesday evening the congregation of St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal church bade farewell to their pastor, Rev. W. Miller McGrath. The reverend gentleman has been troubled a great deal lately with rheumatism, to such an extent, in fact, that he has been obliged to retire from the ministry. He is going to rejoin his family in the Northwest Territories. Rev. Mr. McGrath was presented with an address of regret at his departure, and a gold-headed cane, with a suitable inscription.

ASHCROFT.

After an absence of ten years from Cariboo, P. H. Peeler has returned to investigate some mining ground in the Forks of Quesnel district. From 1880 to 1893 he prospected part of the Cariboo and now intends to examine certain pieces more carefully with the intention of developing them if his examinations are satisfactory.

W. H. Kipp is now postmaster of Ashcroft. For the last two years he has been assistant postmaster.

COFFEE OF LONG AGO.

There is an old cook book, published in 1662, that gives us what is perhaps the first English recipe for coffee. The recipe reads: "To make the drink that is now much used, call it coffee. The coffee berries are to be bought at any drugist, about 7s. the pound.

"Take what quantity you please, and over a charcoal fire, in an old frying-pan, keep them always stirring until they be quite black, and when you crack one with your teeth that it is black within as it is without, yet if you exceed, then do you waste the oil, and, if less, then will it not deliver its oil; and if you continue fire till it be white, it will then give no coffee, but only give you its salt."

"Boat and force through a lawn sieve. Take clear water, and boil one-third of it away, and it is fit for use. Take one quart of this prepared water, put in one ounce of your prepared coffee, and boil it gently one hour, and it is fit for your use; drink one-quarter of a pint as hot as you can sip it."—Birmingham Post.

The \$2,142,307 worth of platinum extracted in the Gorodogorsk district of Russia last year is practically the world's supply of that metal.

HOLLAND'S UNHAPPY QUEEN.

Queen Wilhelmina is only about 23 at the present time, little more than a girl; yet already she has lost all trace of her old gladness, all trace of her old vigor. She seems to look at life now from the standpoint of a middle-aged woman, one who is more prone to fear than to hope. The loss of her child was for her, as for all Holland, a terrible blow. Then not only has her marriage proved a failure, not only is she dead for life to a man between whom and herself there is no sympathy, but she has had to sing a Te Deum over the friend in whom she placed all her trust.

It was a rude shock for her, no doubt, when she found that the Kaiser was playing fast and loose with the Boers, and had no thoughts of risking a single soldier for their sake; but it was a much ruder shock when she found that all the while he was talking to her as if his son had on earth was to help her and serve her, he was scheming against her, determined to rob her people of their independence. She may more than was using her as a tool wherewith to tempt them into paths fraught with danger.

She now knows that up on whom she used to look as her all-powerful protector and the enemy Holland has most to fear; and the enemy is closer to her than life. She is practically alone in the world, and can hardly be blind to the fact that she is alone because she allowed him to, exchange her from England, the one power that could and would have stood by her. And her own people are beginning to look askance on her, so sorely are they disappointed that she has not yet given them an heir. Meanwhile there are industrial troubles in her own country; troubles of all kinds in her colonies, and the Achinese are proving themselves too strong for her soldiers.—London World.

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to the Governor in Council for ap-
proval of the area plan and site and the
reclamation of certain foreshore and sub-
merged lands adjacent thereto, situated in
the said B. C. Block "A," Harbor Estate,
Victoria, B. C. A plan of the said proposed
works and a description by "metres" and
bounds of the foreshore and submerged
lands to be reclaimed have been deposited
with the Minister of Public Works, and
duplicates thereof have been deposited in
the Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C.
Victoria, B. C., 17th February, 1904.
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Notice.

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MAY POSTPONE PAYMENT.

Taxpayers It Is Believed Will Put Off
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Possible.

Hon. R. G. Tatlow is again in supreme
control of affairs over the Bay. All the
other members of the cabinet are out of
the city. The Premier has gone to the
Mainland on departmental business. The
chief commissioner of lands and works
has gone to Chilliwack doubtless in con-
nection with the vexed question of dykes.
The attorney-general is in Victoria pour-
ing oil on the troubled waters in conse-
quence of the police commission appointed
by the government.

In connection with the seizure of logs
for stumping dues the minister of finance
says that he disapproves of making any
distinction with respect to what is due
the government. He insists upon the
law being carried out, and will therefore
assure the collection of all taxes of every
kind.

In this latter connection, according to
reports from various parts of the country,
the government will have in the full-
ness of time a good deal of scheme to
do. It is reported that in view of the
excessive taxation in many instances that
the paying of the amount levied will be
postponed just as long as possible. The
result, many point out, will be that during
the year but a small proportion of
the taxes due will be paid. One year's
time is allowed in which to pay these,
after which they become delinquent. Six
per cent. per annum is then added to the
rates due. After three months' time no
notice is given that at the expiration, of
another three months seizure will be
made and property will be sold for the
amount due. The taxpayer is given
eighteen months before seizure can be
made. It is said that throughout the
country many who feel themselves most
severely dealt with will postpone the
evil day to the very longest limit.

F. C. Gamble, of the works department,
has returned from Nelson, where he
has been attending to departmental
business. He denies that his visit was
in connection with the erection of a
court house at that city.

The vote for that building was made
under the previous government, but nothing
has been done towards carrying out
the work by the present administration.
J. Houston, M. P. P. for Nelson during
the last sitting of the House, pressed for
some answer as to when this work was
to be undertaken, but was given no satis-
faction.

PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Beatty, of Montreal;
David J. Tyler and wife, of San Francisco;
and E. N. Baros, of Atlin, B. C., are in
the city. They are registered at the Vernon
Hotel.

Dr. W. S. Stinson, of Crystal, North
Dakota, and Alfred P. Hays, of the Berry
Show Company, Seattle, are registered at
the Dominion hotel.

S. Witkowski, of San Francisco, and A. R.
Johnston, of Nanaimo, are among the
guests at the Victoria hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Livingston, of New West-
minster, and Miller Prince and wife, of
Whitney, Ind., are at the Dominion.

S. C. Crump, of Bay City, Mich., and
Alex. Christie, of Saginaw, Mich., are stay-
ing at the Dominion hotel.

Hugh B. Gilmore, T. E. Julian and David
Henley, of Vancouver, are at the Vernon
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A tourist in Switzerland recently ac-
curred the fact that his guide was a clergym-
an, and in conversation learned that man-
Swiss clergymen add to their income in
this manner during the week. "You see,"
the guide said, "we point out the heavenly
paths on Sunday, and on week-days the
earthly ones."